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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I'm writing to urge you to deny the Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 160(c) to Accelerate Investment in Broadband and Next-Generation Networks.

I am a consumer of small-ISP broadband internet, and I chose a small ISP because it offered a better price and better service than the major broadband networks in my area.

With my small-ISP provider, I can actually talk to a real person on the phone, my internet doesn't go out intermittently like it used to, and I pay a lower monthly rate than I did with the incumbent provider I used to have.

Because of these reasons, I firmly believe that we still need small-ISP competition to the incumbent networks.

Thanks,

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